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METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SELECTING, MODIFYING

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## **AMENDMENT**

SIR:

In response to the initial Office Action dated June 7, 2002, please amend the above identified patent application as follows:

## In the Claims:

Please delete claims 1-37 without prejudice and substitute therefor the following claims:

38. A method of placing an image of a first marking over an image of a first item comprising:

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accessing the image of the first marking and the image of the first item, wherein the image of the first item includes a first marking area; and

mapping the image of the first marking over the image of the first item so that the image of the first marking lies at least partially within the first marking area, wherein mapping includes a first act that is performed without any human intervention, and wherein the first act is selected from a group consisting of: